

# 2016 Connecticut Radon Poster Contest

## Information and Contest Rules

### What is Radon?

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, and chemically inert radioactive gas. It is formed by the natural radioactive decay of uranium in rock, soil, and water. It can be found in all 50 states. Inhaling radon gas can be dangerous to you and your family. Testing your home is the only way to know if it is present.

### The Goal:

Participation in our poster contest is a great platform for students and their families to learn more about radon and the health risk posed by exposure to elevated levels of radon gas.



2015 Winner: Hunter, Age 12

The posters help increase awareness of radon, which the U.S. Surgeon General has warned is the second leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking and the number one cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. The EPA estimates that radon causes about 22,000 deaths from lung cancer annually in the United States.

### Eligibility Requirements

The contest is open to all students ages 9-14. They can be enrolled in any school- public, private, tribal, etc. or through any sponsoring club, such as a scouting organization or 4-H club.

#### Poster Topics

Choose from the following topics:

1. What is radon?
2. Where does radon come from?
3. How does radon get into our homes?
4. Radon can cause lung cancer.
5. Test your home for radon.

### Awards and Recognition

Posters will be judged by the state Radon Program. The top four winners will receive prizes in the form of gift cards. In addition, thirteen posters will be selected for the annual CT Radon Poster Calendar.

Please mail posters to the CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) as soon as they are complete. **\*Entries must be received by November 13, 2015.**

#### Artwork must meet the following requirements:

- Use white paper. Size preferred is 12X18, but all sizes will be accepted.
- No student names on front
- Include a title and topic on the front.
- Fill out the Artwork Submission Form & tape on the back of the poster.
- Create with markers, crayons, paint, collage, pencil, photographs, or computer graphics.
- Do not use copyrighted characters, logos, or brand names.
- Message should be large, readable, and easily reproduced.
- Use a one-inch (1") margin on all sides

Send posters to:

The Connecticut Department of Public Health - Radon Program  
410 Capitol Avenue, MS# 51-RAD, P.O. Box 340308 -Hartford, CT 06134



Artwork Submission Form  
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Note to Teachers: Please fill in the requested information under the Teacher section before making copies of this form for your students.  
Please ask your students to **clearly print** their information.

**Teacher**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ CT Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**Student**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your topic:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> What is radon?               | <input type="radio"/> Where does radon come from? | <input type="radio"/> How does radon get into our homes? |
| <input type="radio"/> Radon can cause lung cancer. | <input type="radio"/> Test your home for radon.   | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____                       |

Please tape this form to the back of the poster. If you have any questions, please email: [DPH.RadonReport@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.RadonReport@ct.gov) or call the CT Department of Public Health Radon Program at (860) 509-7367. Send poster entries to the address below by November 13, 2015.



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